MECHANICSVILLE, MD – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) met with farmers from the Fifth District today to discuss reauthorization of the 2008 Farm Bill and other issues important to the local farm community.

"I was pleased to meet with farmers from the Fifth District to hear firsthand their concerns about reauthorization of the Farm Bill and other challenges they face," **said Congressman Hoyer.** "With many of the provisions of the current Farm Bill set to expire, I am hopeful we can get a new bill done so we can give our local farm community the certainty they need as they plan for next year and beyond."

Most of the provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill are set to expire September 30th. "I urge House Republicans to bring a bipartisan, long-term reauthorization bill to the Floor before that deadline," **added Congressman Hoyer**.